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H.R. 1376

Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

H.R. 1376 would establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas. The cost to develop and manage the new monument would be shared by the National Park Service (NPS) and local partners, such as the city of Waco and Baylor University, under cooperative agreements. The legislation would authorize the NPS to both acquire land for the monument and construct facilities on nonfederal lands within the monument's boundaries. Finally, the act would require the NPS to prepare a management plan for the monument within three years of receiving funding for that purpose.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1376 would cost about \$1 million over the next three years and about \$400,000 a year thereafter. The \$1 million would be used to develop a management plan for the site and construct exhibits and interpretive facilities. Beginning in 2013, \$400,000 would be needed for the federal share of annual operating costs.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that about 5 acres of land owned by Waco or Baylor University would be donated to the NPS within the next three years; the rest of the approximately 110-acre site would remain in nonfederal ownership. We further assume that other costs to develop visitor facilities within the monument—an estimated \$8 million—would be borne by the city or other nonfederal participants. If, alternatively, the NPS needed to acquire more land for the monument or bear more of the costs of financing new facilities, federal costs would be higher than \$1 million (assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts).

H.R. 1376 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 16, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1376, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 9, 2009. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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